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To: EGFA-23396
25 June 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Results of Meeting with Erwin Brandt in Duesseldorf on 18 June 1958

REFERENCE: A. EGFA-20408, dated 14 February 1958, paragraph 6
B. EGFA-20243, dated 10 February 1958

1. [] alerted me to subject as a possible source of leads on SED agent activity in January 1958 (see Reference A). As a result of time lapse involved in collection traces and subject's illness in April-May, I was unable to see Brandt before 18 June.

2. Our meeting took place from 1200-1315 hours on 18 June in [] private office on the 7th floor of Friedrichstrasse 62, Duesseldorf. [] introduced me in true name and departed.

3. Subject described himself as Chief of RSHA, Sections IV A one and two and responsible for conducting active operations against the KPD and the NIS. He loaned me a manuscript or "think-piece" which he has written on the KPD and also one written during the war by one of his agents, both of which are attached herewith.

4. In addition, subject gave me the following data on agents formerly run by him and who may be of current operational interest:

A. ^HRobert Jaeger, ^{CR}DOB - 1908 (approximately); POB - Saxony (probably); not married, life-long member KPD. 1933 - 1939 political refugee in Prague. 1937 came voluntarily to Berlin, contacted subject and volunteered to engage in espionage against the KPD in Prague. Jaeger informed subject that he was disgusted with his fellow KPD refugees in Prague. Jaeger thereupon served as a penetration agent targeted against the KPD refugee element in Prague. 1940 - 1945 Jaeger in Paris where he remained an agent of subject. 1945 to present, Jaeger in Berlin in the SED Party Secretariat. 1954 Jaeger visited subject in Duesseldorf. Subject told Jaeger he no longer in espionage business. Jaeger told subject he had no intention of contacting the BfV or the Bundesnachrichtendienst since in his opinion these two organizations were staffed with fools. Subject heartedly endorsed this view and informed subject that he would make a great mistake to contact any German services. Subject has not seen nor corresponded with Jaeger since this one meeting. Subject states that he has divulged Jaeger's name to no one.

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B. Fritz Stephan, DOB - 1904 (approximately); POB - Berlin (probably) divorced, life-long member KPD, always resident in Berlin. Low frequency technician. Arrested and doubled by subject in 1934. Active in the AM Apparat (anti-militärischeapparat der KPD). Since 1945 in Berlin in the FDGB. 1952 or 1953 came to Duesseldorf to see subject. Subject informed Stephan he no longer in the espionage business. Stephan unwilling report to any other German service since he lacked confidence in these services. Subject agreed it would be highly unwise for Stephan to report to any German service. Subject stated he has not seen nor corresponded with Stephan since their meeting in Duesseldorf. Subject stated he has never mentioned Stephan's name.

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C. Hermann Bondek, DOB - 1900 (approximately); POB - probably near Halle. Was married and had several children; life-long KPD functionary, active in the BB Apparat (Betriebsberichterstattung). Arrested in 1936 and doubled by subject. Worked for subject as a penetration of the KPD in Berlin from 1936 to 1945. Subject believes that Bondek is currently in Berlin and that he works on Elsassersstrasse in the Glas Blast, probably as a secretary in the SED headquarters.

D. Frau Jaeger; life-long Communist; served from 1938 to 1945 as a penetration agent of subject's targeted against the KPD. Deputy editor of an SED publication in East Berlin after World War II. Thrown out of East Berlin and now is in Frankfurt/Main.

5. Commitments: No commitments of any kind were made to subject beyond my promise to return his manuscript.

6. Arrangements for next meeting: I informed subject that I would relay the information which he had given me to an individual who could properly evaluate it and provided there were sufficient interest, I would introduce the latter person to subject. I promised in any event to return subject's manuscript within a week. I stated that I would phone him at his home (telephone number 448012) during the course of the following week at 2030 hours.

7. Assessment of subject: [] has described subject as a lone-wolf type who is almost anti-social and who is somewhat embittered by his experiences after 1945 at the hands of the occupation powers and more recently by West German authorities in connection with current court proceedings against him for certain of his wartime activities in the RSHA. I agree with this analysis of subject. I am also inclined to accept subject's expressed contempt for the German services as the reason for his ^{up}willingness to cooperate with them. His reasons for wishing to supply information to the United States cannot be so

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simply explained. Possibly one contributing factor is his apparent respect for the United States as a world power and for professionalism on the part of United States intelligence. While I believe subject is prepared to cooperate with us, I do not know on the basis of an hour-long discussion with him how far he will go in his collaboration.

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